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APPEALS FOR GREATER COAL PRODUCTION

"For national strength and prosperity we must attain a new production goal of 2,200,000 tons of coal for 1949." This earnest appeal was made by Liu Min, director of the Taiwan Coal Company, to 200 Provincial Assembly delegates on 2 Feb 49. Last year private mines produced 932,779 tons, and provincial mines 739,514, a total of 1,672,293 tons. Most of this was shipped to the Nan-ching-Shang-hai area. This year, since exports will be increased to more than one million tons, it was decided to seek south China markets, and a group of 13 persons, led by Liu Min, is to leave within 2 weeks for Fu-chou, Hsia-men (Amoy), Shan-t'ou (Swatow), Kuang-chou (Canton), and Hong Kong to study the situation in south China.

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